

REMARKS

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10, 11 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner contends that the recited acronym “MPPE” stands for “Microsoft Point-to-Point Encryption,” which includes a trademarked term.

Applicants have amended claims 10, 11 and 20 to remove the acronym MPPE. Claim 20 is further amended to spell out the non-trademarked portion of the acronym. Applicants request entry of this amendment, and reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupper (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0171112) in view of Chang (U.S. Patent No. 6,715,082). The Examiner contends in part that Chang (col. 2, lines 12-24) teaches single-use passwords, and that it would be obvious to combine Lupper and Chang in order to reduce security risks.

The present application discloses “unique session keys” (Abstract), which are used to derive passwords, therefore passwords are unique to sessions. In contrast, although Chang discloses a “one-time password” (col. 2, lines 12-24), multiple sessions may be opened using the same one-time password (col. 4, lines 59-61; see also col. 7, lines 8-10). Chang *teaches away* from the session-unique passwords of the present application, by describing such session-unique passwords as having the *drawback* of having to “reenter valid user identification information a second time” (col. 2, lines 52-60).

Applicants have amended claims 1, 14 and 19 to recite a session password. Combining Lupper with Chang does not provide a one-time use session password. The remainder of the claims

rejected over Lupper in view of Chang are dependent upon base claim 1 or 14, therefore Applicants submit that they are allowable by reason of their dependency upon an allowable base claim.

Claims 7-9, 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupper in view of Chang and in further view of Lupien (U.S. Patent No. 6,463,055). Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupper in view of Chang and in further view of Chan (U.S. Patent No. 7,197,765). Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupper in view of Chang and in further view of Kalavade (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0051041). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupper in view of Chang and Lupien and in further view of Kalavade (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0051041).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14 and 19 to recite a “session password” as described above, and Applicants respectfully submit that none of the art cited in the present office action teaches or suggests the session password of the amended independent claims. The remainder of the rejected claims are dependent upon claim 1, 14 or 19, therefore Applicants submit that they are allowable by reason of their dependency upon an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the final Office Action dated April 15, 2008 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that Claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered, the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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